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USS FORT MCHENRY (LSD 43)

Dock Landing Ship

Homeport: Little Creek, Virginia

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USS Fort McHenry is the third Fort McHenry-class dock landing ship. In April 2006, USS Tortuga (LSD 46) replaced McHenry as a forward deployed naval unit in Sasebo, Japan. The hull swap was part of the Navy's long-range plan to routinely replace older ships assigned to the Navy's Forward Deployed Naval Force with newer or more capable ships. Tortuga's crew brought the McHenry back to Little Creek, Va., where she is now home ported.

Fort McHenry conducts prompt, sustained combat operations at sea, worldwide, in support of national policy. Designed, built and manned to carry out "maneuver warfare" and "over-the-horizon" amphibious assaults as part of an amphibious task group, Fort McHenry can carry four landing craft air cushions (LCACs) in its floodable well and serves as the primary control ship during an assault. The ship also provides a boat haven with docking, repair and fueling services for landing craft and boats, making Fort McHenry ideally suited to support our Navy's foremost strike asset, the U.S. Marines.

The Fort McHenry-class introduces significant improvements with updated communications, combat systems, 20- and 60-ton cranes, expanded repair shops, two helicopter landing spots, complete medical and dental facilities, automated computer-based logistic support and an impressive engineering plant that gives Fort McHenry an excellent capability for self-sufficient operations.

Equally effective in peacetime as in wartime, Fort McHenry carries out a variety of humanitarian missions, such as evacuations and disaster relief. Fort McHenry supports special warfare, fleet support operations (refueling other ships), non-combatant operations ocean surveillance and electronic warfare via its primary missions of amphibious warfare, mobility, command and control and anti-air warfare.

With its extensive surface assault and command and control capability, the LSD is often times assigned duties as Primary Control Ship to organize and execute the entire waterborne assault. The ship is also designed to be a boat haven and to render docking and repair services to small ships, boats, and landing craft.

SHIP'S SPECIFICATIONS:

GENERAL

Length - 610 feet
Beam (Maximum)- 84 feet
Speed: 22+ knots
Draft (Navigational)- 21 feet
Displacement- 16,000 tons full load
Complement- 20 Officer/327 Enlisted
Marine: 400+/-100 surge

SENSORS

AN/SPS-49 Air Search Radar
AN/SPS-67 Surface Search Radar
AN/SPS-64 Surface Navigation Radar
AN/SLQ-32 Electronics Countermeasures Set
AN/SLQ-25 Torpedo Countermeasure System

WEAPONS

2 20mm Phalanx CIWS
2 25mm MK-38 guns
6 50-Caliber Machine Guns
2 Rolling Airframe Missile (RAM) systems

AIRCRAFT

ENGINEERING

Propulsion: 4 Colt Industries 16 Cylinder Diesel Engines
Electrical:
Services:

Keel Laid: June 10, 1983

Christened: February 1, 1986

Commissioned: July 24, 1987